

Senate Student Welfare Committee
Minutes
April 24, 2025

Charge: This committee shall review the conditions that contribute to the academic success, personal development, physical and mental well-being of students, and available forms of financial aid. It may seek the opinion of the Senate on such matters and make recommendations.

2024/2025 Student Welfare Committee Members

*Leo Lachut, ISS, Co-Chair, Academic Achievement Center
*Tina McCarthy, Co-Chair, Student Health and Wellness
*Alexis Boylan, SFA
*Andy Bush, CLAS
*Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries
*Erica Granoff, Student Services (Stamford Campus)
*Nathanael Okpych, Social Work (Hartford)
*Jennifer Pascal, Engineering
*Tracy Rittenhouse, CAHNR
*Sarah Scheidel, Enrichment Programs (*absent*)
*Mike Shor, CLAS
*Fiona Vernal, CLAS, History (*absent*)
Bryanna Anderson, Center for Students with Disabilities (*absent*)
Cynthia Costanzo, Interim Vice President for Student Life (Ex-Officio Member)
Kimberly Duby, Dean of Students Office
Arthur Galinat, International Student & Scholar Services
Katherine McCarthy, One Stop Student Services Office (*absent*)
Suzanne Peters, Financial Aid (*absent*)
Megan Petsa, The Graduate School
Peter Tribuzio, Student Services, Waterbury Campus (*absent*)

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1. Welcome :
2. Approve Minutes - March meeting: minutes approved unanimously
3. Guests: Nicole McKelvey Walsh, Director of SHaW Regional Campus Operations and Troy Carlson Nurse Coordinator, Nurse Navigators (20minutes)

Leo Lachut welcomed and introduced the guest speakers and Troy Carlson started by summarizing the work of this office since the launch on regional campuses. Nicole McKelvey Walsh went into further detail regarding the services and multi-faceted benefits of these services. Tina McCarthy thanked the presenters for the information and opened the floor to questions.

4. Provide updates on SHaW at the Regionals

Old Business

- On campus Housing for fall 25 concerns: Cyndi Costanzo shared that approximately 300 rising sophomores applied late and that any rising sophomore that applied on time did receive housing. Some rising juniors and seniors who applied on-time were waitlisted and the office continues to prioritize continuing students as spaces become available. Currently approximately 175 continuing students remain on the waitlist. Concerns were raised regarding the cost of available housing, citing The Oaks, which is more expensive. Cyndi Costanzo shared that there is some availability in North, which is rate 1, and that there are two rates available at The Oaks (rates 6 and 8). Cyndi Costanzo added that they are recommending students to accept housing, even if it is not their desired option, as there will be a process over the summer to help students make change to their assignment. She added that students interested in off-campus opportunities should contact John Armstrong for assistance. A question was raised regarding Stamford Campus housing and Cyndi Costanzo shared that more housing will be offered on the Stamford campus this year; long-term lease at “The Boulevard” which will be partially available this fall, and fully available in the next academic year.
- Supporting our international students (Arthur Galinat): Arthur Galinat summarized the situation that several international students are facing with SEVIS record revocations, as well as the actions taken and support offered by their office, as well as specific student concerns.

New Business

- Students who have had their legal status changed by the State Department

Annual report: Leo Lachut asked committee members to review the report, which will be submitted to the Senate on behalf of the committee at the May Senate meeting.

BOT updates